

for the evil in preparation. He would consent to the amendment.

The motion as amended was carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. MOWAT moved that the following Committee be appointed to strike the Standing Committees for the year:—The Attorney-General, Messrs. Baxter, Boulter, Ferris, Gibson (Hamilton), Hardy, Lauder, Meredith, Merrick, Morris, Ross, and Wood. Carried.

THE LIBRARY.

Mr. MOWAT moved the appointment of the following Committee to assist the Speaker in the care of the Library, to be composed of the following:—The Attorney-General, Messrs. Boulter, Crooks, Deroche, Gibson (Huron), Harcourt, Meredith, Morris, and Wells. Carried.

The House adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Harcourt—On Friday next—Enquiry of Ministry when the Depository in connection with the Department of Education is expected to be closed.

Mr. Harcourt—On Friday next—Enquiry of Ministry as to whether they intend to take away from Public School inspectors the supervision of Mechanics' Institutes.

Mr. Harcourt—On Friday next—Order for a return respecting the Collegiate Institute of Ontario:—(1) Total number of pupils in attendance at each institute and the average attendance during the years 1877, 1878, 1879, and 1880; (2) number of pupils in each of these years who were preparing for the profession of a Public School teacher; (3) number of pupils who have matriculated during these years at Toronto University; (4) number of such matriculants who have matriculated with honours, stating what honours they received; (5) number of teachers, also their certificates or degrees, and the salaries paid to them; (6) Government allowance granted to each institute during these years.

Mr. Waters—On Friday next—Bill to amend the Act respecting ditching water courses.

Mr. McCraney—On Friday next—Bill to amend the Ditches and Water Courses Act.

Mr. McCraney—On Friday next—Bill to amend the Municipal Act respecting municipal drainage.

Mr. Merrick—On Friday next—Order of the House for a return showing the names of all persons appointed to any office, either temporary or permanent, by the Government since confederation, with name of service, religion, date of appointment, salary, date of removal, if removed, and cause of such removal.

Mr. Robinson (West Kent)—On Friday next—Bill to amend the Act respecting mortgages and sales of present property.

Mr. Graham—on Tuesday next—Order of the House for a return showing the total number of applications made for loans under the Tile Drainage Acts since 1878, the municipalities by which such applications have been made, the sums actually paid out of the Tile or Under Drainage Fund, the municipalities to which such payments have been made, the amounts repaid by the different municipalities, together with the number of persons availing themselves to the utmost limit allowed by the Act of borrowing \$1,000 by one individual.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

FOURTH PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, Jan. 19.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:—

Mr. Bell—From Toronto Life Insurance Co. for an Act to authorize them to increase their capital stock, and for other purposes.

Mr. Fraser—From the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, for an Act to close a certain road allowance between the township of Kingston and village of Portsmouth.

Mr. Nairn—From municipal councillors and others in the counties of Norfolk, Elgin, Oxford, and Haldimand for an amendment to the Ditches and Watercourses Act.

Mr. Meredith—From the Young Men's Christian Association of London, to give their Board of Directors certain powers.

Mr. S. White—For the Assessment Act to be amended so that shares or stock in building societies and loan companies, &c., might be taxed.

Mr. Merrick—Petition for the incorporation of the Orange Order.

Mr. Tooley—For an Act to incorporate the village of London East as a town.

Mr. Young—From Credit Valley Railway Company, for an Act to incorporate the Company.

Mr. Boulter—From the Hawkey Gold and Silver Mining Company, for an amendment to the Letters' Patent Act.

Mr. Morris—From the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Toronto, for an Act empowering them to give mortgages upon real estate and confirming mortgages already given.

Mr. Creighton—From the Municipal Council of the Township of Sydenham, against deferring the operation of the law requiring a majority of the whole ratepayers on the roll of a municipality to carry a bonus by-law.

Mr. Deroche—From Municipal Corporation of the county of Frontenac, for an Act to confirm a certain by-law.

Mr. Lauder—From the Municipal Council of Petersville, to change the name of that village to London West.

Mr. Hay—From certain fence-viewers, councilmen, and others, to amend the Act respecting ditching and watercoursing.

The following petitions were presented by Mr. Mowat against opening licensed taverns after seven o'clock:—From the township of Thorold, from the citizens of Toronto, from citizens of St. Catharines, from citizens of London, from Chatham, from Hamilton, from Belleville, from Newmarket, from Welland, from Cooksville, from Leauth.

The following petitions were presented by Mr. Hardy to the same effect:—From Mount Vernon, Collingwood, and Brantford.

Mr. Fields—From Cobourg; Mr. McCraney, Thamesville, to the same effect.

The following members presented petitions from the licensed victuallers, praying that bars of hotels might be kept open until the hour of eleven o'clock p.m. on Saturday:—Mr. P. Patterson, Mr. D. McCraney, Mr. Wm. Jelly, Mr. Warren Hobery, and Mr. Watterworth.

Mr. Lyon—For a separation of the townships of Neebing, Papineau, McKellar, Blake, Crooks, Pardee, and Island Ward, from the District of Thunder Bay.

Messrs. McCraney, Graham, Gibson (Huron), Hay, and Broder presented petitions from fence-viewers and municipalities throughout various parts of Ontario for amendments to the Ditches and Watercourses Act.

The following petitions were presented for the abolition of market fees:—Mr. Peck, from Municipal Council of township of Fennelon; Mr. Badgerow, from Municipal Corporation of township of Scarborough; also, from Municipal Corporation of township of Markham; also, from Wm. Nash and others; also, petition presented by Mr. Ferris to the same effect.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On motion of Mr. Mowat the report of the Special Committee appointed to strike the Standing Committees was received and adopted by the House.

REPLIES.

Mr. HARDY presented the reply addressed to this House from the Queen; also a reply addressed to this House from the Marquis of Lorn, Governor-General of Canada.

FIRST READINGS.

Mr. HAY—Bill to amend the Act respecting ditching and watercoursing.

Mr. COOK—Bill to amend the Municipal Act so as to make a reduction of the number of